

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims of this application, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, into one of the following seven Groups:

- Group 1: Claims 1-7, directed to a nucleotide, a vector and a host cell.
- Group 2: Claims 8-11, drawn to a polypeptide.
- Group 3: Claims 12 and 13, directed to a hybridoma and an antibody.
- Group 4: Claims 14-17, directed to a method of modulating the immune system of a subject.
- Group 5: Claim 18, directed to a method of decreasing signal transduction in a cell.
- Group 6: Claim 19, directed to a method of targeting a molecule to a cell.
- Group 7: Claim 20, directed to a method of gene therapy.

The Examiner has further required a species election to a species of DNA molecules which encode one of SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5 or SEQ ID NO:6. The Examiner has also required a species election to a species of polypeptide molecules comprising one of SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5 or SEQ ID NO:6.

In response, applicant elects the subject matter of Group 1 (claims 1-7), without traverse, for further prosecution in this application. Applicant also further elects SEQ ID NO:6, recited in claim 2, for the species of DNA molecule and the species of polypeptide molecule, to which claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is found allowable.

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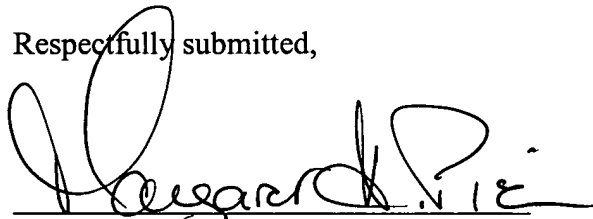
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Applicant makes these elections expressly without waiver of his right to file for and to obtain claims directed to the non-elected subject matter in divisional or continuing applications claiming priority and benefit herefrom, or, subject to allowance of a generic claim, to consideration of the other claims depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable claim in this application.

Applicant requests favorable consideration and early allowance of the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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